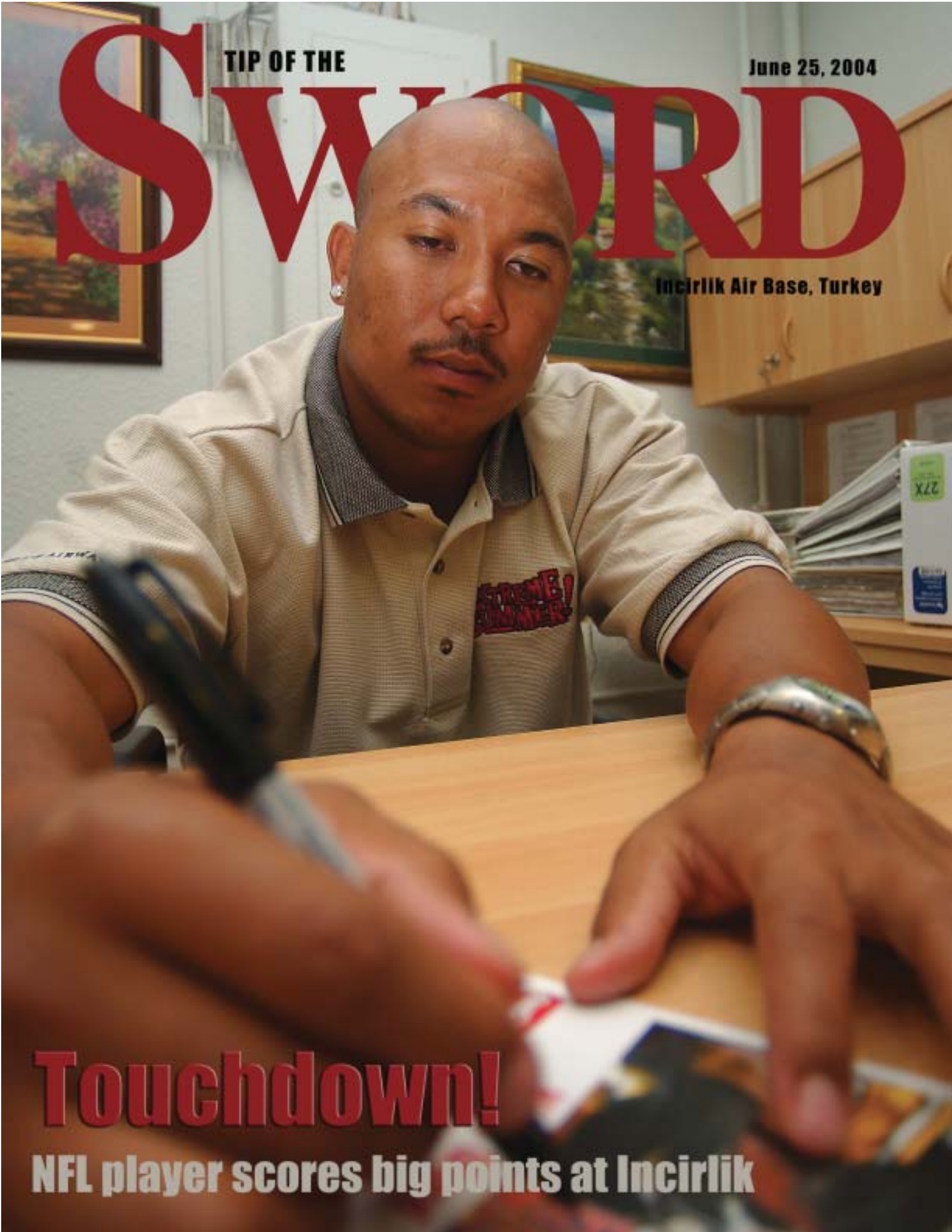


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Senior Airman Tyrell Schoolfield, 39th Medical Squadron pharmacy services technician, beats Hines Ward, Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver, 42-7 in a PlayStation Madden 2004 NFL football game. Mr. Ward stopped by Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, to sign autographs and tour the base as part of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Extreme Summer program. See related article, Page 6.

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**Hines Ward, Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver, signs autographs. Base people turned out in droves to meet the NFL player. See related article, Page 6. (Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore III)**



Senior Airman Michelle Miranda

Airman 1st Class Corey Washington, 728th Air Mobility Squadron passenger service agent, tests the newly constructed baggage conveyor system at the terminal. See related article, Page 4.

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# Milestone

## *Incirlik promotes 62 to tech, 48 to master from base, GSUs*

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — Air Force officials selected 6,217 of 23,956 eligible technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant, a 25.95-percent selection rate; and 9,114 of 42,248 eligible staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant, a 21.57-percent selection rate.

Incirlik and its geographically separated units fared well, promoting 62 of its people to technical sergeant and 48 to master sergeant.

"Incirlik was at the Air Force average for technical sergeant and above average for master sergeant at over 31 percent," said Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander. "Congratulations to all of our selectees! This is a huge accomplishment and a milestone in any Airman's career."

The master sergeant selection rate rose .39 percentage points from last year, while this year's technical sergeant rate dropped .32 percentage points from last year.

The complete list of selectees will be posted to the Air Force Personnel Center's Web page at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom/](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom/) by 6 p.m. Central Standard Time today.

People who tested are expected to receive their score notices in early July. Each individual can also get an electronic copy of his or her score notice Monday by logging into the virtual military personnel flight at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/).

The average master sergeant selectee score for the 04E7 master sergeant test cycle was 340.73 points, based on the following:

- 134.33 points for enlisted performance reports
- 64.01 points for promotion fitness exam
- 64.86 points for specialty knowledge test
- 28.30 points for time in grade
- 36.10 points for time in service
- 21.21 points for decorations

The average master sergeant selectee has 3.64 years time in grade and 17.22 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to master sergeant August to July 2005.

The average selectee score for the 04E6 technical sergeant test cycle was 317.55 points, based on the following:

- 133.02 points for enlisted performance reports
- 62.35 points for promotion fitness exam
- 55.66 points for specialty knowledge test
- 33.72 points for time in grade



Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Miranda

Staff Sgt. Kyle Erb, 39th Security Forces Squadron Pass and Registration Office NCO in charge, and his wife, Tech. Sgt. Melissa Erb, 39th SFS Alpha Flight flight chief, celebrate their promotions to technical and master sergeant Thursday.

- 25.19 points for time in service
- 5.91 points for decorations

The average technical sergeant selectee has 4.55 years time in grade and 11.46 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to technical sergeant August to July 2005. (Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)

The promotees are:

### **To technical sergeant:**

Detachment 1: Deshone Elmas  
39th Air Base Wing: Elaine Aviles, Keith Johnson and Melinda Smith,  
425th Air Base Squadron: Bruce Johnson, Michael Lee, Thomas Volk and Corey Miller  
39th Logistics Readiness Squadron: Tracy Ford, Johnny King, Sandy Sais, Tameisha Smith and Sabra Thomas  
39th Mission Support Squadron: Craig Brodber, Angel Motley, Sheris Poisson and William Roeder  
39th Communications Squadron: Michael Collins, Gary Dayton Jr., Leroy Gutierrez, Lawrence Hook, Gregory Manhardt, Abel Quesada, Michael Southwell and Gregory Yancey  
39th Operations Squadron: Matthew Almberg, Scott Lacroix, Scott Williams and

Russell Wood

39th Contracting Squadron: Michael Holder and Shellie Murphy

39th Maintenance Squadron: Rolland Browning, Johnny Crenshaw, Sonja Jenkins, James Marsili, Cheryl Repogle, Christopher Van Hise and Julie Van Hise

39th Medical Squadron: James Baum, Yalanda Breazeale, Tracie Carter, Joe Conley, Simone Lewis, Melissa Saraiva, Gretchen Temple and Nicole Thivierge

39th Comptroller Flight: Charles Hicks

39th Security Forces Squadron: Aaron Beaumont, Curtis Dawson, Kyle Erb, William Herndon, Shawn Messer and Scott Ziegler

728th Air Mobility Squadron: Sherry Gibbs, Judsen Labenne, Matthew Perkins, Jewell Scates, David Whaley and Alaji White

Area Defense Counsel: Bryan Wilson

American Forces Network-Incirlik: Tracie Palmer

### **To master sergeant:**

39th ABW: Barbara Bazemore, Donna Pena and Troy Spencer,

425th ABS: Carl Greene, Mark Muskett, Robert Stephens and Merrick Smith

39th LRS: Marvell Jones, Ryan Parslow and John Sipe

39th MSS: Cleve Molette

39th CS: Ryan Bradshaw, Charles Campbell, Reiko Grof, Brenda Helleckson, Paul Hughes, Christopher Mossor and David Vieira

39th OS: Todd Madden, Todd Miller and Jennifer Smith

39th CES: Christopher Vansile

39th SVS: Tyron Merriweather

39th MXS: Daniel Tackleson, Earle Babb, Randy Coffman, Ray Cole, Larry Dostart, Keith Holbert, Ronnie Sales, Wolfgang Seng and David Walker

39th MDS: Michelle Bloxson, Jeffery Duggins, George Lupercio, Rena Mims and Kevin Watson

39th CPTF: Ronald Peak

39th SFS: Michael Casares, Melissa Erb, Rayniero Saavedra and Jeremy Sutfin

426th Info Operations Squadron OLFH: Jeffrey Kelly

728th AMS: Ramon Parmley and Yolanda Pouncil

AFN-I: Robert Shields

Combined Air Operations Center Six, Eskisehir: John Stange and Rodney Zackary

# DOD honors

## *AFN wins bragging rights for best local TV newscast*

**By Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips**  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Harry Kibbe chalks up winning a Department of Defense award to a job hazard that makes many military members cringe – inexperience.

The five-man crew was recently awarded the prestigious title of 2003 Thomas Jefferson award for best Local Television Newscast, Incirlik Nightly News at the Department of Defense level.

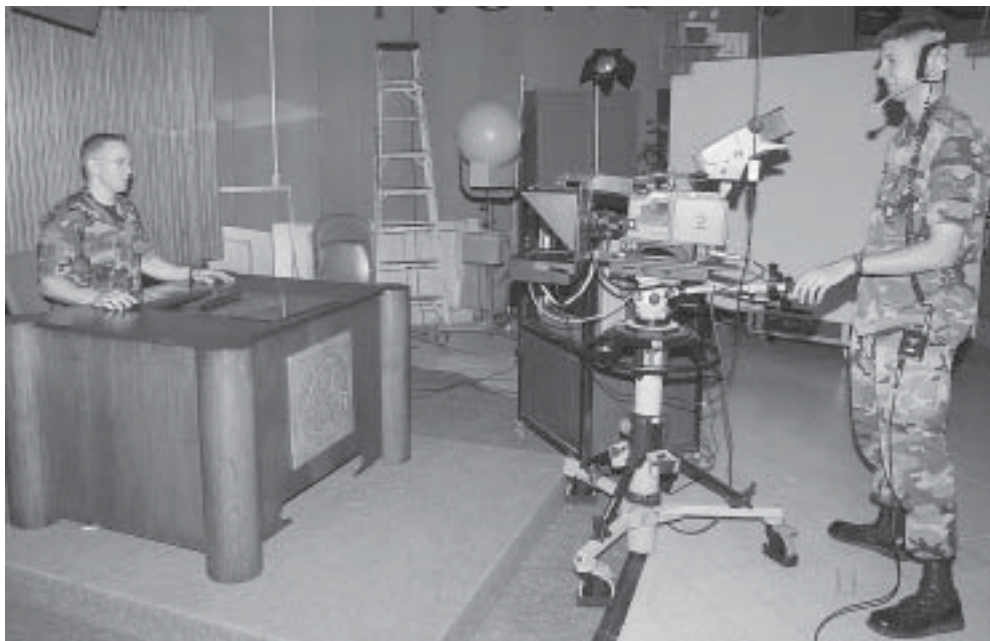
“Most of the broadcasters here are on their first tour as broadcasters,” said Sergeant Kibbe, American Forces Network-Incirlik Incirlik Nightly News news director. “I think that gave us an advantage.

“We were able to see things and try things that other detachments may shy away from because they were afraid to step away from the norm. We weren’t familiar with the norm, so we weren’t confined to that box,” said Sergeant Kibbe, who retrained from precision measurement equipment laboratory career field just a little over one year ago.

The crew competed against broadcasters from other military services to win the prominent award.

Although they don’t typically report from the front lines of combat or a ship on the edge of war torn countries like their peers in other services, standing in front of a camera or microphone isn’t always as easy as they make it look.

“We work a lot harder than people may think,” said Sergeant Kibbe. “It’s rare that we work a regular eight-hour day. It is nice to know



Photos by Senior Airman James Seymore III

Staff Sgt. Harry Kibbe, American Forces Network-Incirlik news director, anchors the Incirlik Nightly News while Senior Airman Andrew Svoboda, AFN-I broadcast producer, films the show.

that all of the time that we put into making it an excellent product is noticed.”

Sergeant Kibbe believes his teammates attention to detail to even the tiniest elements of the newscast is the real reason for the win.

“I believe elements like our weather update separated us from the others,” Sergeant Kibbe said. “Staff Sgt. Joe Belon (AFN-I broadcaster producer) came up with the whole concept and created a 30-second piece that airs every day.”

As a military version of the local nightly hometown news, the AFN crew takes pride in informing the Incirlik community about base happenings.

“We take our job very seriously, but also have fun doing it,” Sergeant Kibbe said. “The most challenging part of the job is choosing which events we can cover and which ones we can’t. The most rewarding part of the job is when someone gives us feedback - good or bad - because it lets us know what we do is watched.”

A funnel for command information, AFN broadcasters are happy to be teleported into the base members’ lives twice a day to communicate and educate the base populace on the priorities and instructions of one man who can’t be everywhere at once.

“The Thomas Jefferson Award is proof the Airmen at AFN-Incirlik provide the wing commander with the best warfighting communica-



Senior Airman Andrew Svoboda, American Forces Network-Incirlik broadcast producer, sets up for an interview.

tion tools possible to prepare Incirlik people for the challenges we face serving overseas,” said Master Sgt. Larry Schneck, AFN-I detachment chief. “Our success is a unity of effort among our office members and everyone on base who helps us tell the Air Force story.”

### **AFN-I schedule**

- ♦ AFN-I Morning Wake-up Show is 6 to 9 a.m. weekdays on 1590 AM, 107.1 Cable FM and the Commander’s Channel
- ♦ AFN-I All-request Lunch Rush is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays on 1590 AM, 107.1 Cable FM and the Commander’s Channel
- ♦ AFN-I Weekend Breaker Show is 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays on 1590 AM, 107.1 Cable FM and the Commander’s Channel
- ♦ Incirlik Nightly News is 7:55 p.m. and 11:23 p.m. weeknights on AFN-Atlantic, and noon and 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays on AFN-Pacific
- ♦ The One Minute Report is on at various times weekdays on all AFN channels





Senior Airman Michelle Miranda

### VIP visit

Lt. Gen. Arthur Lichte, U.S. Air Forces in Europe vice commander, congratulates 1st Lt. Kathryn Heille, 39th Operations Squadron unit support intelligence chief, on winning the 39th OS Company Grade Officer of the Quarter award June 18 during a breakfast with 39th Air Base Wing quarterly award nominees.

## 728th AMS adds passenger arrival gate, conveyor system

By 1st Lt. Elizabeth Culbertson  
39th Maintenance Group

Long lines and crowds often prove a source of frustration for weary travelers, anxious to reach their final destination. For people en route home or to a new duty station, standing around in a packed terminal adds to an already stressful situation.

The 728th Air Mobility Squadron is trying to create a better environment for its passengers with the completion of a new passenger arrival gate.

The Air Mobility Command-funded arrival gate cost about \$400,000 and should be open for business next month. The project, begun in May 2003, will dramatically improve processing of both arriving and departing passengers, said Master Sgt. Lisa Hill, 728th AMS passenger terminal superintendent.

The new facility will not only allow smoother movement of people through two separate processing areas, but will have separate rooms for customs personnel.

"This is so passengers getting off an aircraft can process directly through passport,

visa and customs officials," said Sergeant Hill.

"It should improve the efficiency of passengers getting stamped into the country."

Another major improvement is the addition of a baggage conveyor system similar to those seen in commercial airports, which Sergeant Hill said will alleviate lining up and stacking bags outside the main terminal.

Prior to its opening, 728 AMS passenger agents will go through all operating procedures — from walking passengers in through customs and baggage claim — to ensure a seamless transition.

The squadron has monitored the project closely over the past year to "make sure the end product will be as functional as it was predicted in the design phase," Sergeant Hill said. "It is going to be a great addition to the passenger reception process for personnel arriving here at Incirlik."

Personnel picking up arriving passengers will not be permitted to enter the new arrival gate area. They will be required to wait outside to maintain a sterile area for baggage claim.

For more information, call Sergeant Hill at 6-6001.

### Change of command

Maj. Michael Platt assumes command of the 39th Services Squadron from Lt. Col. Jeffery Linskens Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the club complex ballroom. For more information, call 1st Lt. Coleen Foust, 39th Services Squadron combat support flight commander, at 6-3108.

### 6-Ride volunteers

The 39th Air Base Wing Safety Office seeks volunteers for the 6-Ride program. Volunteers do not have to be on call, but may be called at any time to drive someone home. Ranks and gender are required so drivers can be matched with callers of equal rank and gender. For more information, call the safety office at 6-7233.

### Finance briefings

The 39th Comptroller Flight Financial Services Office conducts in-processing briefings Thursdays at 3 p.m. in the finance conference room (Building 480) to facilitate newcomers with their financial needs and avoid delays while waiting for a scheduled newcomers briefing at the family support center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Daryl Moncrief, 39th CPTF customer service chief, at 6-6306.

### Travel advisories

U.S. government employees can now travel directly to north (Turkish) Cyprus. All official travel requires country clearance from Embassy Nicosia. Travelers to and in north Cyprus must have tourist passports and cannot cross the United Nations-patrolled "green line" into south Cyprus. People are required to obtain their commander's approval for any travel outside of Adana. For more information, go to the Consular Information sheet at <http://travel.state.gov>, consult the latest battle staff directive on the Source or call the wing Antiterrorism and Force Protection Office at 6-6657.

### Summer Hires still needed

The 39th Mission Support Squadron Civilian Personnel Office will accept applications through Wednesday to fill a limited number of laborer positions. Application packages are available and can be turned into CPO from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Joe Greene, CPO affirmative employment and employee relations chief, at 6-3067.



Photos by Senior Airman James Seymore

**(Left)** Hines Ward, Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver, signs Susan Perkin's jersey and 14-month-old Mattie's cheerleading outfit June 17 at the youth center. **(Above)** Mr. Ward autographs his photo for 11-year-old Kris Weston at the youth center. Mr. Ward spent a day autographing photos and visiting base facilities as part of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Extreme Summer tour.

# NFL player scores big points at Incirlik

**By Staff Sgt. Elaine Aviles**  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

As a Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver, Hines Ward is accustomed to whipping past the opposition and scoring touchdowns on the football field. But during a visit to Incirlik Air Base Thursday, Mr. Ward scored big points, not with his team, but with base people.

People turned out in droves to meet Mr. Ward, who spent a day autographing photos and visiting base facilities as part of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Extreme Summer tour.

"Every year we try to find celebrities and sports figures to visit USAFE bases as a morale booster and to encourage support of the Extreme Summer program," said Mandy Smith-Nethercott, USAFE Services marketing and entertainment chief.

"We were very lucky to get Hines Ward. He's a well known sports figure with an exemplary reputation and a commitment to community service."

Fans of all ages, including die-hard Steelers fans, showed up for Ward's appearances at the youth center, base exchange and pool.

"I live about an hour away from Pittsburgh and love the Steelers," said Susan Perkins, who stopped by the youth center for an autograph with her 14-month-old daughter Mattie. Both were in full Steelers regalia. "I've been a fan for years."

Mr. Ward also stopped by the community activity center, where he dared people to take on the Steelers during a PlayStation Madden 2004 football challenge. During the tournament, Mr. Ward experienced something he rarely does on the football field – a thrashing.

"I beat him 42-7 but he took it like a trooper," said Senior Airman

Tyrell Schoolfield, 39th Medical Squadron pharmacy services technician.

"Overall he did really well, and almost made it to the finals," said Narissa Atkisson, community center program specialist. "He had a blast. Even when he lost he took it gracefully and said he wanted his competitor to 'get the bragging rights.'"

Whether a fan or not, base people appreciated the visit.

"I'm a Packers fan but I wanted to meet Hines Ward anyway," said Senior Airman Brandon Layman, 39th Security Forces Squadron Pass and Registration Office clerk. "I think it's great that he traveled here to show support for the troops."

Mr. Ward said he was eager for the opportunity.

"When I was asked to participate, I didn't hesitate to say yes," he said. "I saw it as an opportunity to show the troops how appreciative everyone back home is for their service. I figured what better way to do that than to meet them up close and personal."

Mr. Ward said he hoped his visit helped boost morale and "uplift everyone."

"I wanted to encourage the kids here, who might get down and wonder if they can pursue

their athletic dreams from overseas," he said. "I wasn't in the military but I was raised in a single-parent home and we struggled. I overcame adversities to achieve my dreams and kids here can do the same. Positive things happen to positive people."

Mr. Ward said he's walking away from the experience with a deeper appreciation for the military.

"I hope my visit here showed military people and the families that support them how thankful Americans are for what they do," he said. "You provide us freedom. Coming here is the least I can do."

**"Y**ou (military members) provide us freedom. Coming here is the least I can do."

**Hines Ward**  
*Pittsburgh Steelers*  
*wide receiver*

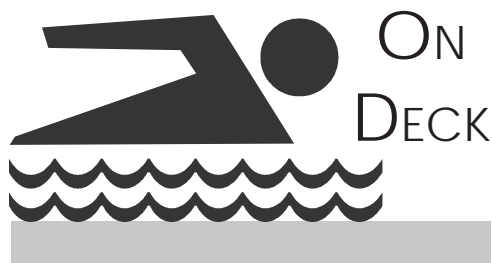




Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore III

## Over the top

Capt. Jeffrey Atkisson, 39th Medical Group, spikes the ball during the volleyball championships June 17 at the base gym. Six teams competed in the double-elimination tournament. 39th CS came out of the loser's bracket to compete against 39th MDG in the finals. In the finals, 39th Communications Squadron came out on top, winning a best-of-three tournament against the top-seeded 39th MDG.



**Night hoops** — The youth center seeks volunteer coaches for Night Hoops. The season runs through Aug. 14. Games are played by teenagers Friday and Saturday evenings starting at 6 p.m. at the base gym. For more information, call Bo Benton, 39th Services Squadron recreation specialist, at 6-6670 or 6-3263.

**Homerun derby** — Volunteers are needed to help with a homerun derby July 2 at field one starting at 3 p.m. Help is needed in the outfield and tracking homeruns. For more information, call Bo Benton, 39th Services Squadron recreation specialist, at 6-6670 or 6-3263.

**Swimming lessons** — Swimming lessons are Mondays through Fridays from 8 to 10 a.m. Cost is \$20 for two weeks of instruction. The next class starts up July 5. For more information, call 6-3442.

**Water aerobics** — Water aerobics classes are offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 per month. For more information, call 6-6044.

**Free golf instructions** — The golf course offers people five minutes of free golf instructions from a professional. For more information, call 6-8995.

**Lap swim** — Early morning lap swim is Mondays through Fridays from 6 to 7 a.m. at the base pool. For more information, call 6-3442.

**Bike maintenance** — Outdoor recreation offers bicycle maintenance and repair from basic tune-up to parts replacement. For more information, call 6-6044.

**Skeet and trap shooting** — Outdoor recreation offers skeet and trap shooting Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment. Open shooting begins Saturdays at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10, and includes shells and clays. For more information, call 6-6044.

**Belly dancing** — People can learn belly dancing Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 6-6966.

**Combat Hapkido** — The fitness center sponsors Combat Hapkido Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 6-6086.

**Scuba course** — Outdoor recreation offers a scuba course, which includes training and

Professional Association of Diving Instructors certification. Water training is provided in an indoor pool, plus four open water dives in Kizkalesi. Cost is \$250. For more information, call Yasar Karalar, scuba instructor, at 6-6044 or e-mail [incirlikdiving@yahoo.com](mailto:incirlikdiving@yahoo.com).

**Trotters and Striders Club** — Keep a fitness center record of the miles walked or ran and qualify to win prizes. For more information, call 6-6086.

**Massage therapy** — The fitness center has two licensed massage therapists on staff. People can schedule an appointment Mondays through Sundays between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. For more information, call 6-6086.

**Extreme Summer points** — People can earn Extreme Summer points by submitting a FitPoints report. The report is at the FitLinxx Web site at [www.incirlik.fitlinxx.com](http://www.incirlik.fitlinxx.com) under "Workouts." For more information, call the fitness center at 6-6086.

**Mountain bike rides** — Outdoor recreation offers mountain bike rides Thursdays and Saturdays. For more information, call 6-6044.

**Ladies Tuesday Evening** — A ladies golf special is Monday. Ladies play nine holes for \$9 starting at 6 p.m. Cost includes green fees, cart and rental clubs. For more information, call 6-3313.

# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander

With a fun-filled summer ahead, the unit compliance inspection in October may *seem* far off. Don't believe it! Now's the time to start preparing your work center. Don't wait until the last two weeks before the inspection and expect good results for your unit and the base. Trust me, the inspector general knows when the ink is still wet. So if you need to test processes, buy new equipment, comply with regulations - start now! Preparation is the key to success.

## Master and tech selects

Congratulations to Incirlik's master and technical sergeant selects. This is a huge accomplishment and a milestone in any Airman's career. Incirlik was at the Air Force average for technical sergeant and above average for master sergeant at over 31 percent. (*For a list of promotees, see Page 3*)

## SNCOA graduate

Congratulations to Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Moore, 39th Security Forces Squadron, who recently graduated from the U.S. Air Force Se-

nior NCO Academy class 04-D at the Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala.

## Kudos

Congratulations to the following individuals who were distinguished graduates from recent Customer College classes: Staff Sgt. Hector Contreras, 39th Operations Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Craig Brodber, 39th Mission Support Squadron.

## Report accidents

Accidents are a fact of life, but too many people operate under the premise, "what are the odds of that occurring, it will never happen to me." If you are involved in an accident outside the gate, remember: don't move your vehicle, and immediately call 39th Security Forces Squadron Law Enforcement Desk at 6-3200. They have translators who can speak to on-scene response personnel and can help you get through an accident without violating any Turkish laws. Here are a few other emergency numbers to remember: 154 to report traffic accidents, 155 to call Turkish National Police and 156 to call Jandarma. If you don't have these numbers programmed into your cell phone, do it today!

## Force Protection

Recently someone observed a cleaning crew at a hotel in Kizkalesi searching through guests' personal belongings. When staying in a hotel, take your valuables with you or lock them in a suitcase. As a precautionary measure, leave unnecessary credit and identification cards at home when you travel. If you become a victim of theft — especially something like a gate pass or ID card—report it immediately to the LE desk at 6-3200.

# UCIs keep mission, careers on track

By Lt. Col. Jeffery Linskens  
39th Services Squadron

Unit Compliance Inspection. What is it? Why should we want to do well? How can we do well? These are good questions because Incirlik's UCI is scheduled for Oct. 17 to 26.

UCIs measure a unit's compliance with Air Force regulations. If a regulation says we should be doing something, we should be doing it and have documentation to prove it.

There are philosophical and practical reasons to do well on a UCI. Philosophically, a UCI is like taking your perfectly running car to the mechanic for a check up. Maybe the mechanic won't find anything wrong or maybe he'll find a fan belt that is about to break and leave you stranded.

Without an occasional UCI, the Air Force would start to drift further and further from Air Force standards.

On any given day, Incirlik should basically be in compliance with regulations but preparing for a UCI takes it to a higher level and

makes sure all units are in full compliance.

We should want to do well on the UCI because excellence in all we do is a core value of the Air Force.

Speaking practically, UCIs also help your career. Do you want a STEP promotion, below the zone promotion to senior airman, a "5" EPR or a good OPR, promotion to senior or chief, an award, more responsibility, a special duty assignment, an extension, the respect of others or the self-pride that comes from knowing your job? Do you want a goal day? Acing the UCI can help you accomplish these goals.

What are the consequences of failure on the UCI? Of course, Incirlik will have let the Air Force down. Instead of moving on to our next task, such as supporting the aircraft that launch here every day for the Global War on Terrorism or enjoying a burger burn and goal

day, we will be spending our time fixing our errors. Worst of all, our self-pride and self-confidence will be shaken, and we won't perform well in the future.

How can we prepare for the UCI? It's easy.

**“Without an occasional UCI, the Air Force would start to drift further and further from Air Force standards.”**

**Lt. Col. Jeffery Linskens**  
39th Services Squadron  
commander

**Step 1.** Go to <https://www.mil.usafa.af.mil/direct/ig/index.html>, click on "Guides" and print out the checklist for your area of responsibility. Run the checklist, make sure you are in compliance and have documentation to prove it. If there is no checklist for your area of responsibility,

call your functional leadership at U.S. Air Forces in Europe and find out if a checklist exists but is not on the Web.

**Step 2.** Have your squadron self-inspection monitor get your results from the last

See UCI, Page 9





## Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, Host Nation Adviser

### Turkish antiques defined

**Question:** Mehmet, what is considered an antique in Turkey, and how can I find out if something is an antique or not?

**Response:** I wish I had an easy answer to that question. To try to get a good answer, I went to the Adana Archeological Museum and asked officials the same question.

Since we're in a country like Turkey, which has more than 10 thousand years of history and more than 30 civilizations, there are no easy answers. Every civilization from Urartus to Hittites, Trojans to Lydians, Romans to Byzantines and Seljuks to Ottomans left behind historic and antique objects.

Wherever you go in Turkey you can see an old castle or historical site. Turkey is considered to be the largest open air museum in the world. In addition to historic sites, we also have many Biblical sites located in various places throughout Turkey.

Since there are few experts, a very limited budget and countless historical sites to be excavated, many sites are left to nature's protection.

Due to the lack of proper protection and guardianship, thousands of antique pieces have been smuggled out of the country during the last century. Almost every museum in the western world has a section exhibiting items excavated in Turkey. Therefore, Turkey has imposed strict rules and heavy penalties against smuggling antique items.

It's hard to assign a date or age for an object to be considered antique. For instance, coins minted during the reigns of the last six sultans of the Ottoman Empire, from the mid

19th century until the beginning of the 20th century, are not considered antique. However, they have historical value.

On the other hand, a 200-year-old carpet with special designs could be considered an antique, while clay pots dating back two thousand years might not. Only official experts can determine if a piece is antique or not. Meanwhile, some pieces have ethnographic value although they are only several hundred years old. Those pieces are mostly household items and cannot be taken out of the country either.

You might easily see old, antique-looking objects in shop windows in Adana or other cities in Turkey. Some old pieces, without antique value, can be sold in Turkey. Yet, those pieces are not allowed to be taken out of Turkey.

When you visit an ancient site or castle, you might see antique or historical objects lying around without any protection and that might give you the impression you can take them. But you should never pick up these items.

While visiting historical sites, very often local villagers or children will approach you and offer to sell you antique pieces or coins claiming they found them in their fields. Most of these old pieces and coins are mostly fake and you should never purchase these items.

According to law number 3386, Article 32, cultural and natural assets should be protected at home and not be taken abroad. People who act in contradiction of that law may go to jail for five to 10 years and receive a heavy fine. Additionally, the cultural asset is confiscated and delivered to a museum.

Anybody, Turkish or non-Turkish, who owns or finds fixed or movable cultural assets are obliged to inform the closest museum directorate. Museum officials will examine the piece. If it is an antique piece, the museum will purchase it. If it is not antique and has no value, a report will be prepared stating that.

Adana Archeological Museum houses about 108,000 pieces dating from 5,000 B.C. to present times. It features marble, bronze,



Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Miranda

This artifact is on display at the Adana Archeological Museum. People are not allowed to take antiques out of Turkey.

copper and limestone artifacts, including a large collection of busts, tombstones and coins. The museum is located off of the E-5 at the corner of the intersection after crossing the river and next to the grand mosque.

Adana Ethnographic Museum reflects the lifestyles and cultures of the late Ottoman era (mostly 18th and 19th century pieces). The museum has a collection of nomad tents, carpets, kilims, camel and horse saddles, religious and cult paraphernalia, jewelry and ornaments. The museum is located in Old Adana close to Little Clock Square.

*Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail [mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil).*

## UCI

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UCI at Incirlik and from Spangdahlem's (Air Base, Germany) March 2004 inspection. Make sure any problems identified in the two reports don't exist in your work area.

**Step 3.** Call your equivalent at Spangdahlem AB and get his or her impression of what the inspectors were looking for.

**Step 4.** Print out the regulations and instructions that govern your

area, sit down with a highlighter and read the regulations page by page. If you find something you're not doing, highlight it, check it out, fix it, and then put a check mark next to it.

**Step 5.** Prepare to guide the inspectors through the checklist when they visit and be ready to show them your work area is in compliance.

If each of us starts doing these basic things now, we will work our way to the inspection without having to work long hours or weekends, and Incirlik will have a fantastically successful inspection. Incirlik Pride — show it in the UCI.



# THE INCIRLIK GUIDE

## Today

**Home buying basics** — The family support center hosts an overview of buying versus renting, mortgages, how to search for suitable homes and evaluating personal affordability from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call the FSC at 6-6755.

## Saturday

**ACE car wash** — Airman Committed to Excellence hosts a car wash from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. between the tax center and Auto Hobby Shop. For more information, call Senior Airman Evelyn Jackson, ACE secretary, at 6-6424.

## Upcoming

**Independence Day celebration** — There is an Independence Day celebration July 2 from 3 to 9 p.m. at Arkadas Park. For more information, call Carrie Basaca at 6-6670.

**Volunteers needed for Independence Day celebration** — Volunteers are needed for the Independence Day celebration July 2. For more information, call Carrie Basaca at 6-6670.

**Summertime stress relief class** — The family support center hosts a class on how to safely navigate the 101 critical days of summer in a healthy state of mind July 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call the FSC at 6-6755.

**Dorm council meeting** — The dorm council meets at noon July 7 in the Piper Room at the club complex. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Ken Winfield, dorm council president, at 6-8075.

**Budgeting 101** — The family support center teaches budgeting

techniques and simple systems to track expenses July 8 from 11 a.m. to noon. For more information, call the FSC at 6-6755.

**ACE meeting** — Airman Committed to Excellence meets July 8 at 3 p.m. in the enlisted lounge in the club complex. However, meetings are typically held the first Thursday of every month at 3 p.m. in the enlisted lounge in the club complex. Squadron representatives are still needed; volunteers are welcome. For more information, call Airman 1st Class James Randle, ACE president, at 6-3288 or Senior Airman Evelyn Jackson, ACE secretary, at 6-6424.

**EMAU registration** — There is still time to register for Air Cargo Management (MGMT 410). Classes will be held July 10, 17, 24 and 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and July 11 and 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register by July 9. For more information, call Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at 6-1098.

**Volunteers needed for Tops in Blue performance** — The community center needs volunteers for a Tops in Blue performance July 18. For more information or to volunteer, call Nerissa Atkisson at 6-6966.

## Ongoing

**CTC degree evaluation** — The Central Texas College offers evaluations for students who have completed six semester hours with CTC. An evaluation can award college credits for military training and experience and an evaluator will explain how transfer credits will fit into a CTC degree plan. For more information, call Mine Smith at 6-6046 or click on [www.ctc-europe.com](http://www.ctc-europe.com).

**CTC class offerings** — The Central Texas College can offer associates in applied science and in the following degrees if there are enough interested students: applied management/military science, automotive mechanic, criminal justice, early childhood devel-

opment, emergency medical technician, food service management and legal assistant. For more information, call Mine Smith at 6-6046.

**ITT hours** — Information, Ticket and Tours are located in the club complex. Their hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 6-6049.

## Participate in Extreme Sum-

**mer, win prizes** — Earn points for participating in events and programs at base facilities for chances to win \$150,000 in prizes at [www.extremesummer.com](http://www.extremesummer.com). For more information, call Jean Best-Richardson at 6-8411.

## Closure

**Skills Center closure** — The Skills Center will be closed June 29 and 30, and July 1. Pick up your orders prior to Monday. For more information, call Violeta Reich at 6-3858.



## COMBAT & SPECIAL INTEREST

## Today

**Home Rosary Group meeting** — The Home Rosary Group meets today at 6:30 p.m. For more information and location, call Tracy Woodland at 6-5237.

**PYOC swim party** — The Protestant Youth of the Chapel meets at the base pool for a barbeque swim party from 6 to 9 p.m. Children should wear a one-piece suit or shirt and shorts. For more information, call Sueann Herkel at 6-5921.

## Sunday

**Feasts of St. Peter and Paul trip** — In addition to regular Sunday Mass, a special Mass will be held in Tarsus at 10:30 a.m. in the Old Church of Tarsus near the Apostolic Nuntio. For more information, call Patty Heidlage at 6-3890.

**Catholic Mass** — The theme for this week's mass is "What the Wizard of Oz did for Dorothy, Jesus can do for you." For more information, call Patty Heidlage at 6-3890.

**RCIA team meets** — The

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults team meets at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel conference room. New members are welcome. For more information, call Fermin Gonzaga at 6-4660.

## Monday

**PWOC meets** — The Protestant Women of the Chapel meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Crossroads Café. For more information, call Melanie McDade at 6-9381.

**CWOC meets** — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meets at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel. For more information, call 6-6441.

## Ongoing

**Receive free welcome gift at the library** — Children new to Incirlik can join the library and receive a newcomer's gift bag. For more information, call the library at 6-6759.

**Combat Care car care** — While military members are deployed, spouses are entitled to free minor maintenance. For more information, call Master Sgt. Alicinne Peebles at 6-6755.



# WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



**Tech. Sgt. Frankie Moore,**  
**Air Force Office of Special Investigations**  
**Detachment 522 staff support NCO**

**Time on station:** 10 months

**Time in service:** 17 years

**Hometown:** China Grove, N.C.

**Hobbies:** Arts and crafts, and bowling

**How do you contribute to the air base wing's mission?** I provide the Detachment 522 Office of Special Investigations agents essential staff support that assists them in criminal, fraud and force protection services

to the wing and higher headquarters throughout southeastern Turkey, Syria, Lebanon and Israel.

**What do you like most about Incirlik?** Incirlik provides me with peace of mind when my son walks to school and plays outside alone; I know he's safe.

**Why did you join the Air Force?** I joined to serve my country, further my education and travel around the world.

**What's your favorite motto and why?** "Learn from your mistakes or you're doomed to repeat them." We all make mistakes; it is what we learn from them that matters.

**Supervisor's quote:** "Sergeant Moore is the binding strength in holding our organization together," said Special Agent Shawn Foust, acting detachment commander. "She keeps the 'organize' in our organization and single-handedly operates as our only administrative representative. Her hard work and dedication to the detachment and her family make her a true asset to the Air Force community."

call 6-5950 or e-mail [puttnfool@freegolfinfo.com](mailto:puttnfool@freegolfinfo.com).

**For sale:** Two square wrought-iron end tables with smoked glass tops. Excellent condition, \$100 for set. For more information, call 6-5314 or [skickers@hotmail.com](mailto:skickers@hotmail.com).

**For sale:** 1993 six-cylinder, white and gray Grand Cherokee with 53,000 miles. For more information, call Ayhan Tuncay at 0-312-245-0884 or 0-532-730-9971.

**Yard sale:** There is a yard sale at 2760C Bartin Court in Phantom Housing Saturday from 8 to 10 a.m. Clothes, furniture, children's toys and more are on sale. For more information, call Master Sgt. Larry Schneck at 6-6491.

**Yard sale:** There is a yard sale at 3762B Evergreen Circle in Eagle Housing Saturday from 7 to 10 a.m. Toys, clothes, kitchen items and furniture are on sale. For more information, call Darwin or Carrie at 6-2492.

**Job announcement:** The youth center needs School Age Program Assistants. Individuals should be vibrant and enthusiastic, and like to play with children. For more information, call the Nonappropriated Funds Office at 6-3524 or visit them in the second floor of Building 833.

**Advertisements:** To place an advertisement, e-mail the Tip of the Sword staff at [tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil). Submission deadlines are the Wednesday, nine days, prior to the desired publication date.

# YOUR TURN



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail [tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil)

**What are you doing during your summer vacation?**

"See the Red Sox at Fenway Park, Boston, in July."

— **Maggie Main, 9**



"Spend time with my grandma and my new baby brother, Sammy."

— **Alexis Echeverri, 10**



"Going on vacation to Side (near Antalya)."

— **Lorenzo Hernandez, 9**



"Go to the horse stables and the pool."

— **Haley Hill, 6**



"I'm home schooled, so I will finish sixth grade in July, and then work on my Boy Scouts merit badges."

— **Christian Echeverri, 12**



## CLASSIFIEDS

**For sale:** 32-inch Sony Trinitron WEGA. One year old. Can deliver, \$750 or OBO. For more information, call Jeff at 6-2342.

**For sale:** 1992 Yamaha Zeal 250cc. Excellent condition, \$1,800 or OBO. For more information, call Rey at 6-2633 or 0-536-948-3023.

**For sale:** Graco six-speed music infant swing. Barely used, six-months old, \$40. New, unassembled cherry-colored, four-shelf bookcase, \$50. Sony component stereo with five speakers, 50 disc, two tape decks, tuner and amplifier, \$100. DVD/VHS/CD turnstile rack, \$30. For more information, call 6-5483.

**For sale:** Solid birch room divider, 7-feet, 10-inches wide by 6-feet, 4-inches long, \$220. Handmade Usak carpet, like new, 7-feet wide by 9-feet long, \$750. Handmade Nain carpet, 3-feet wide by 4-and-a-half-feet long, \$380. For more information, call Tony at 6-8876 or 0533-655-4076.

**For sale:** Large entertainment center that fits 61-inch television, \$1,100 OBO. Plus, starter gold bags and clubs. For more information,



Photos by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards



Double vision

(Above) Staff Sgt. Ignacio Castro-Luna, 39th Air Base Wing safety specialist, shows Rania Nada the effects of alcohol by letting her wear goggles that simulate a .17 to .20 blood alcohol content level. Several prevention topics were discussed to highlight the 101 Critical Days of Summer during a safety fair held June 18 at the base exchange. (Left) Senior Airman Yasmine Red, 39th Security Forces Squadron pass and registration clerk, demonstrates how to properly lock a bicycle to prevent theft. The safety office suggests base people keep a few things in mind to prevent bicycle mishaps: wear a helmet, keep current on maintenance, check brakes prior to riding, be aware of surroundings, scan for obstacles and traffic, ride in the same direction of vehicle traffic and obey traffic rules.



## AT THE MOVIES

### Today

**Jersey Girl (PG-13)** — Starring Ben Affleck and Liv Tyler. Ollie is a powerful entertainment executive whose wife dies in childbirth. Ollie, tasked with raising a child by himself, gives up his fast-paced Manhattan lifestyle and moves back in with his father in Jersey, where he finds a new romantic interest and learns some lessons about what's important in life. Showing at 7 p.m. (103 minutes)

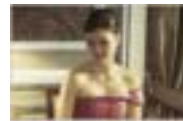


**The Ladykillers (R)** — Starring Tom Hanks and Marlon Wayans. Goldthwait organizes a gang of double-crossing thieves to rob a riverboat casino. They set up shop by renting a room in the house of unsuspecting, church-going little old lady named Mrs.

Munson. She catches on and they realize they have seriously underestimated their upstairs host. Showing at 9 p.m. (112 minutes)

### Saturday

**The Prince and Me (PG)** — Starring Julia Stiles and Luke Mably. Paige is on the fast track toward her lifelong goal of becoming a doctor. Edward, the Crown Prince of Denmark, trying to escape from his royal life, poses as a college student. Now, Edward is in line to become King. Paige has to choose between two dreams — becoming a princess or a doctor. Showing at 5 p.m. (111 minutes)



**The Alamo (PG-13)** — Starring Dennis Quaid and Billy Bob Thornton. In the spring of 1836, 200 Texans held the fort for 13 days under siege by General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, ruler of Mexico and commander of its forces. Led by three men the Texans and their deeds at the Alamo passed into history as General Sam Houston's rallying cry for Texas independence. Showing at 7 p.m. (134 minutes)



### Sunday

**The Whole Ten Yards (PG-13)** — Starring Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry. Thanks to falsified dental records supplied by his former neighbor "Oz," retired hitman Jimmy now spends his days cleaning his house and perfecting culinary skills with his wife. Suddenly, Oz shows up, begging them to help him rescue his wife from a Hungarian mob. Showing at 7 p.m. (97 minutes)

### Thursday

**Jersey Girl (PG-13)** — Showing at 7 p.m. (103 minutes)

### At the M1

**Secret Window (PG-13)** — 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. (96 minutes)

**In the cut (R)** — 11:30 a.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:15 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. (119 minutes)

**Lost in Translation (R)** — 11:45 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. (102 minutes)

**Troy (R)** — 11:15 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:45 p.m. and 9 p.m. (164 minutes)

**Lady Killers (R)** — 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. (104 minutes)

For more information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140. The provision of movie information does not constitute an endorsement by the 39th Air Base Wing, U.S. government, Department of Defense or Department of the U.S. Air Force. For more information, call the theater at 6-6986.